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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FISHERIES

REF: QUITO 6167, AUGUST 30, 1976

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE IS GLAD TO LEARN THAT THE U.N. FISHERIES ADVISOR FOUND MATERIAL POUCHED PREVIOUSLY USEFUL. PLEASE EXTEND NMFS APPRECIATION FOR HIS ASSISTANCE ON YOUR EXCELLENT REPORT ON SPINY LOBSTER. THE REPORT HAS BEEN EDITED AND IS READY FOR PUBLICATION. A COPY IS BEING FORWARDED TO ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. NMFS HAS POUCHED ALL AVAILABLE DATA ON THE PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, EXPORTATION, AND IMPORTATION OF VARIOUS SPECIES AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL. NMFS COULD NOT FIND INFORMATION ON "TOPE"; IF EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE SCIENTIFIC NAME OF THIS SPECIES, NMFS WILL SEARCH FURTHER.

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3. DATA ON PRICES, OTHER THAN TOTAL VALUE DATA, IS NOT AVAILABLE. FOR INFORMATION ON PRICES NMFS SUGGESTS THAT THE U.N. ADVISOR CONTACT U.S. IMPORTING COMPANIES. THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES IMPORT SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF CURED FISHERY PRODUCTS:

A) CORTE AND CO.
417 HOBOKEN AVENUE
JERSEY CITY, N.J. 07306

B) J.W. FORRCHEIN INC.
485 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

C) HARAM CHRISTENSEN CORP.
34 BEACH STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013

D) KUSHNER IMPORTING LTD.
40 NORTH VAN BRUNT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, N.J. 07631

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, NOTE FIRMS WHICH IMPORT CURED FISH CATEGORIES NUMBER 309 (HAKE), 310 (HERRING), 322 (ANCHOVY), AND 301, 302, 303, AND 304 (COD) LISTED IN "IMPORTERS OF SELECTED SEAFOODS, 1975", POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY.

4. UNLIKE MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, CURED FISHERY PRODUCTS ARE A VERY SMALL PART OF U.S. PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF FISHERY COMMODITIES. THE U.S. PRODUCED 23,600 METRIC TONS (T) OF CURED FISHERY COMMODITIES IN 1975, OR ONLY SLIGHTLY ABOVE 4 PERCENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION FISHERY COMMODITIES. THE MAJORITY OF CURED COMMODITIES WAS PROCESSED FROM FISH CAUGHT IN U.S. WATERS (19,100 T OR 81 PERCENT OF TOTAL), ONLY ABOUT 4,500 T (OR 19 PERCENT OF TOTAL) WAS PROCESSED FROM IMPORTED FISH. IN ADDITION TO DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, THE U.S. IMPORTS A SIMILAR AMOUNT OF CURED FISHERY COMMODITIES (22,700 T IN 1975) FROM NORWAY, SPAIN, UNCLASSIFIED

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CANADA, U.K. AND OTHER COUNTRIES (FOR DETAILS SEE "FOREIGN TRADE IMPORTS BY PRODUCT AND COUNTRY" POUCHED SEPARATELY. ONLY DATA ON PRODUCTION AND IMPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIES REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

5. NMFS HAS EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. FISHING INDUSTRY. IF U.N. ADVISOR OR ECUADORIAN OFFICIALS ARE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING U.S. COMPANIES FOR POSSIBLE

JOINT FISHERY VENTURES, NMFS WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST.
IN THAT CASE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESSES OF
THE ECUADORIAN FIRM, THE COMPANY OFFICIAL TO CONTACT,
COMMODITY TO BE PRODUCED (SPECIES AND TYPE OF PRODUCT),
AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED (TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL,
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